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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Corey E. Hoffman, et al.

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For: Sand Removal And Device  
Retrieval Tool

§ Group Art Unit: 3672

§ Examiner: Zakiya Nicole Walker

§ Customer No. 36735

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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 12, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 12, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0033.D3/WBP for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.  
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.